



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JULY 11, 2012

FROM: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ – ISSUANCE OF A LEVEL I
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (NO. 12-08) TO APM TERMINALS
PACIFIC LTD FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS**

SUMMARY:

APM Terminals Pacific Ltd. (APMT) seeks to install security improvements, including four radiation portal monitors (RPMs), an inspection booth, surveillance cameras, and related equipment at their Pier 400 terminal. Staff is recommending the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approve Coastal Development Permit (CDP) No. 12-08, a Level I, non-appealable permit for the proposed project.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Find that the proposed project conforms with the Port Master Plan and the California Coastal Act of 1976, as amended, and find that this project will have no significant adverse environmental impacts as provided in the California Environmental Quality Act;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to approve the issuance of Coastal Development Permit No. 12-08; consistent with the project description listed on Application for Discretionary Project No. 120501-050; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background – APMT operates on a 484-acre container terminal at Pier 400. The security improvements project (Transmittal 1) is proposed to support cargo inspection activities by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Specifically, issuance of CDP No. 12-08 (Transmittal 2) would allow for the installation of four RPMs, an inspection booth, surveillance cameras, and other related equipment. The RPMs are fixed installations and would replace their existing mobile systems, as required by CBP.

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Coastal Permit Requirements – The proposed project, located in Master Planning Area 9, is a Level I, non-appealable project in accordance with the definitions set forth in the *Guidelines for Implementation of the Port of Los Angeles Certified Port Master Plan*. A Level I permit is one of three levels of permits that the Board can issue. Level I permits are issued for developments that involve minimal changes in land/water use, and minor changes in density and intensity of use.

The proposed project has been found to be consistent with the Port Master Plan and Chapter 8 policies of the California Coastal Act of 1976, as amended. Specifically, the security improvements project is consistent with Section 30708 that requires port-related development to give the highest priority to the use of existing land space within harbors for port purposes, including necessary support improvements.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is issuance of a CDP to APMT for security improvements at their Pier 400 terminal. As an activity involving the addition of safety and security devices for use in conjunction with an existing facility, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article III, Class 1(6) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

Approval of the proposed CDP will have no employment impact for the five-county region. The project associated with this CDP is anticipated to support 5 direct and 5 secondary one-year equivalent jobs for the region.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval and issuance of the proposed Level I CDP for security improvements is a procedural requirement that will allow for the proposed project to proceed. The estimated project cost as well as subsequent operating and maintenance costs subsequent to project completion will be borne entirely by APMT.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed this Board Report and finds there are no legal issues to address at this time.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Site Location Map
2. CDP No. 12-08

FIS Approval:  (initials)
CA Approval:  (initials)


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